

COMMISSIONERS OF EMIGRATION.

The regular weekly meeting of the Commissioners of Emigration took place yesterday afternoon, at their rooms in West street, the President, Mr. VERPLANCK, in the chair.

Commissioner KENNEDY reported that 2,853 alien passengers arrived at this port for the week ending May 14.

A communication was received from Councilman Jacob L. Smith, asking the Commissioners to institute an investigation into the charges made against him in reference to the late Castle Garden affair, connected with boarding the ship St. Nicholas. It was ordered on file.

The Committee on Castle Garden, in regard to the ship St. Nicholas and her passengers, and the trouble with the runner, made the following report:

"The Committee on Castle Garden, to whom was referred the resolution of inquiry in regard to the ship St. Nicholas, which arrived at this port from Havre on the 7th of May last, respectfully report:

"That they have instituted a careful inquiry into the facts connected with the proceedings of the ship St. Nicholas, and the landing of the passengers and baggage therefrom, and respectfully state the results of their investigation as follows:

"That while the St. Nicholas, consigned to Boyd & Hinckley, was coming up the Bay, after having been visited and passed by the Health officer, the steamerboat J. M. Birbeck, captain and mate, made a signal to the ship St. Nicholas, and ordered her to stop.

"That the mate, Jacob L. Smith, a Councilman from the Second Central District sprang on board the ship from the steamerboat.

"That he immediately sought and obtained an interview with the captain in his cabin, and soon came again on deck, while a star on his breast, and a document signed by the acting Mayor, and addressed to the Emigrant Squad of Police, directing them to allow Mr. Jacob L. Smith to go on board of any vessel, and not to molest him. That Smith informed the Special Policemen on board that if he molested him (Smith) he (S.) would arrest him.

"That as soon as the St. Nicholas was anchored, the steamerboat from Castle Garden went alongside, when Smith forbade the officer and policemen from coming on board the ship. That Capt. Burns of the steamerboat, and a policeman, nevertheless boarded the ship, when Smith seized the former by the collar and the latter by the arm, and ordered them to get off the ship.

"That the mate, Jacob L. Smith, returned to the steamerboat, and obtained a written order from one of the Commissioners of Emigration authorizing him to receive the passengers, and returned to the ship and was again met as before stated. He then left the ship, and returned to the steamerboat.

"That the passengers were afterward passed on board the Birbeck by Smith and the runners, and that the former were then conducted by the latter named to a small room on the steamerboat, where tickets were sold and money received. That they were then landed at Castle Garden without objection from any officer or other person at that depot, but were separated from their baggage, which Smith took on the Birbeck to the pier No. 1, North River.

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CITY ITEMS.

It is reported that Mrs. Sarah Peix has taken a lease of Niblo's Garden for six months, from next November. Miss Laura Keane has taken a lease of the Metropolitan for six years.

Lieut. Bartlett, U. S. N., will address the merchants at the Corn Exchange to-day, at noon, with reference to the starving inhabitants at Cape Verde Islands.

The Brick Church property, bounded by Beekman, Spruce and Nassau streets, and Park row, was sold at public auction yesterday, at the Merchants' Exchange, by Anthony J. Bleece, auctioneer. For half an hour before noon, the time advertised for the sale, between seventy-five and one hundred gentlemen assembled in the Exchange, about the desk of Mr. Bleece. Precisely at the hour appointed, the auctioneer took his stand and read the advertisement which has for some time past appeared in the city papers relative to this property, setting forth that it would be put up at \$225,000 and sold without reserve to the highest bidder, and that the Trustees and Corporation reserved to itself the bill and bill rigging, and all the movable property connected with the church edifice. Also, the understanding in regard to the remains of those bodies interred in the church grounds.

Auctioneer—Now then, gentlemen, I am bid \$225,000 to start with.

VOICE—\$1,000.

Auctioneer—Don't bid in that way; go to ten thousand or twenty thousand.

VOICE—\$200.

Auctioneer—Two hundred and thirty thousand.

VOICE—\$240.

Auctioneer—Two hundred and forty thousand; go on, it is estimated at twice that sum.

VOICE—Two forty.

Auctioneer—Two hundred and forty-one—two three—four—five—six; go on, gentlemen, those figures won't get it; seven—eight—nine—nine—nine—two hundred and fifty thousand—fifty—fifty—two; two—three—four—five—six—seven; six—sixty—sixty; now, say five, bid by five, and you'll get nearer the mark—two sixty—two.

(Here some one nodded in the crowd.)

Auctioneer—Was that nod meant for me or him (pointing to a gentleman in the crowd)? Two sixty—two—three—four—four—two hundred and sixty—four. Have you done? I shan't call again—think quick.

VOICE—Six.

Auctioneer—Two sixty six—seven—seven—the last call; have you done (pause)? Aug.—Thinking yet—you'll be sorry by-and-by. Thank you—two sixty eight—nine—nine—nine.

VOICE—Seventy.

Auctioneer—Two hundred and seventy thousand dollars. Seventy—seventy—have you done—is it one—I shan't call again. Gone (and down came the hammer).

Auctioneer—What name?

VOICE—F. P. James, E. B. Wesley and Henry Keep.

The only bidder between these parties was, we understand, Mr. A. T. Stewart.

After the sale the crowd dispersed.

Daniel Burgess, of the firm of Daniel Burgess & Co., one of our oldest and most esteemed book publishers, died at his residence in Brooklyn, on Tuesday night, after a brief but severe attack of pneumonia. He was widely known and esteemed as a man of right and generous impulses, and of the most unending integrity. He was formerly in business in Hartford, Conn. He was at the time of his death one of the officers of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, (Henry Ward Beecher's), and his funeral is to be attended there on Friday morning, the 16th inst., at 10 o'clock.

The office of the Superintendent of Repairs and Supplies, in the City Hall, was on Monday the scene of a disturbance in which Mr. Nathaniel Selah, the Commissioner, and Alex. Ward were the principals. It is said that after a war of words had passed between the parties, Mr. Selah drew a pistol and threatened to shoot Ward if he did not forth with leave the office. Mr. Ward was in no hurry to travel, nor was the Commissioner to shoot, and consequently no blood was shed nor powder wasted. Since the occurrence, Mr. Selah has made a complaint of disorderly conduct against Ward—charging him with entering his office during the use of profane, threatening and abusive language, tending to a breach of the peace. Mr. Ward yesterday appeared before Justice Wood and gave bail in \$300 to keep the peace for six months at all events. The difficulty is said to have grown out of an alleged promise made by Selah to Ward some time ago, to the effect that the latter should be appointed Superintendent of Roads, which promise was not kept—the both having been given to Mr. Wm. Goodheart.

On Tuesday night, between the hours 9 and 12 o'clock, the Police of the Third Ward made a clean sweep of girls of the town on Broadway, and arrested fifteen of them, who were locked in the Station-House during the night. Yesterday morning the girls were paraded through Broadway, under an escort of policemen, to the First District Police-Court, Halls of Justice. On the way to the court a crowd of curious men and boys followed the girls, and some excitement was produced by the display. When brought before Justice Connolly, Lieut. Bennett stated that he did not wish to make an affidavit against the girls of being common prostitutes. He thought their punishment was sufficient by being shut up for the night and the humiliation to which they were subjected by the morning parade to the court. Two of the girls, however, Maria Wilson and Mary Kelly, were drunk and disorderly, and he made affidavits against them, and they were committed to prison in default of the payment of a fine of \$10. The Magistrate thereupon remanded the other thirteen girls and discharged them from custody.

For some years past Mrs. Joann M. Fawcett, widow of a British officer, has been keeping a boarding house in Hamilton, Canada West. A few days ago she held a company with one Daniel Routh, a German watchmaker, and a man named Mitchell, both of whom had boarded with her. On reaching Buffalo Mrs. Fawcett put up at the Great Western Hotel, while Routh and Mitchell sought another and less expensive house. After tarrying there a day or two they all left for New York, but previous to their departure Routh, as Mrs. Fawcett alleges, took possession of \$600 in gold belonging to her, without her consent, promising to bring it again on reaching this city. Mrs. Fawcett paid the traveling expenses of the party, and they arrived safely in this city on Sunday, and put up at a public house in Washington street. Routh, however, when requested by Mrs. Fawcett, refused to restore her the money which he had in his possession. This of course made a difficulty between them at once, and on Tuesday evening Routh and Mrs. Fawcett voluntarily appeared at the Third Ward Station-House, where she related the circumstances attending the loss of her money to Capt. Hopkins, but he, considering that no larceny had been committed, could do nothing for her. They then left, but on reaching the steamer got into an altercation, which resulted in both being arrested for disorderly conduct by Officers Hamblin and Fowler of that district. They were detained till yesterday morning, when Routh confessed to having the money claimed by Mrs. Fawcett, and said that he had given \$300 off to his sister, \$100 to his associate, Mitchell, but did not account for the remainder. After being taken to the Tombs, Routh said that he was willing to give back the money to Mrs. Fawcett provided that she would settle the matter. He appeared to have great fears that the affair would get into the newspapers. Mrs. Fawcett, who was far from home and friends, and having only four dollars to her name, was in great distress to know what she should do. She however made an affidavit against Routh before Justice Connolly, charging him not only with stealing her money, but a quantity of valuable clothing from one of her trunks, which had been broken open while at the Railroad depot. On this affidavit Routh was partially examined, and afterward committed to the Tombs to await a further hearing. Routh has been in New-York for some time, and from his actions it is supposed that there are persons here whom he fears to meet. He begged of the officer having him in charge not to take him through Centre street and risk taking another route. It has been stated that the reason Routh had for keeping the matter out of the papers is that he is wanted in Canada to answer some charge of felony. A further investigation will take place to-day.

The boys from the Lodging House, together with a goodly number of citizens, met at the North Dutch Church in William street last night. Rev. Dr. De Witt presided, and opened the meeting with prayer. A hymn, composed by one of the boys, was then sung by the little fellows. We call a verse:

"See your children round you smiling,
On your knees, on your knees,
Think upon the New Year's fortune
When your heart was full of bliss.
No warm heart, say to cheer him,
No loved heart to hold him firm,
No fond mother to comfort him,
To the rescue—save the boy!"

Mr. Frederick Cooke then addressed the children on the beauty of kindness. The Hon. Mr. Joy from the interior of this State introduced himself as a new boy. He used to ride a horseback to distribute *The Maelius Times*, and he had been told that John Quincy Adams owned a new boy. His address was mainly upon the subject of temperance. He hoped the boys didn't drink. Some of them whispered something about their "bitters," and one of them said, in an undertone, "Tombsmen," (so called from his large white teeth,) had promised to treat them after the meeting. Mr. Tracy was the next speaker. He said the Lodging House had been the means of doing great good during the two years of its existence. Four hundred boys were cared for there during the first year, and nearly the same number the past year. Many had been introduced to good homes in the country, and others would soon follow them. Mr. Cooke said that the object of the meeting was to try to raise funds for the purchase of a melodeon for the house. A good one could be got for \$75. The Rev. Dr. Dowling then delivered a brief address. He was followed by one of the new boys, Daniel Sullivan, alias "Kentucky," who narrated some humorous stories and sang several humorous snatches with applause. After the new boys had sung "I want to be an angel," a collection amounting to \$55 was taken up, and the audience dispersed. Throughout the meeting the little ragamuffins behaved decorously. True an occasional growl would proceed from some overcast, sleepy little fellow; and now and then a bit hit was indulged in, and some of them occasionally carried their love of fun so far as to imitate the spirit-rappings. But, as a whole, they were more orderly than such wild little fellows are wont to be.

The new Girls' School in Twelfth street, between Broadway and University place, was formally opened yesterday afternoon. The building has a broad front on the street, and presents a very fine appearance. Aside from the basement, in which there is a small covered play-room, it has three stories, each divided into one assembly room and six class-rooms. The class-rooms are ample and commodious, but there is no assembly-room in the building in which the whole School, when it is filled up, can be brought together for any exercise. The lower of these three stories is devoted to the Primary Department, the next to the Junior Grammar Department, and the upper story to the Senior Grammar Department. The distinctive feature of the School is this complete division of the Grammar Department, the two sections being under different Principals. The scholars of the three departments were assembled in their assembly-rooms, where they sang, and speeches were made to them. The singing was fine. The principal exercises were conducted in the Senior Department. The platform was covered with school officials and doctors of divinity.

After an anthem by the girls, Dr. Redell read a chapter of the Bible, and Dr. De Witt followed in prayer.

Mr. Edward L. Beadle then gave a brief history of the School system from the days of Dr. Witt Clinton, and a discussion of Woman's Rights.

Prof. Chas. Loomis, on behalf of the school officers, gave a statement of the division and state of the school. The course contemplated for the Senior Department, he said, could not be completed in less than three years. Such a corps of teachers as they had were never assembled before in New-York. The Junior Grammar School was well filled, but in the Senior Department there was room for a very considerable accession. They intended to provide such instruction as could not be excelled in any of the private schools of the city.

Speeches were subsequently made by Andrew H. Green, President of the Board of Education; Erasmus C. Benedict, Erasmus Brooks, S. R. Randall, City Superintendent, and Mr. Greenleaf of Brooklyn.

In the Board of Aldermen last evening, resolutions were adopted rescinding those of May 5, 1884, in relation to the Brick Church property, which was sold yesterday, and forbidding the Mayor and Controller to execute a deed, or any paper conveying the property to the purchasers, claiming that the sale was invalid. An unsuccessful effort was made to take up and adopt a resolution to locate the new City Hall in Madison-square. The ordinance from the Board of Councilmen for the government, regulation and laying out of the Central Park, constituting the Mayor and Street Commissioner as a Board for that purpose, with full power, came up, and was strenuously opposed by Ald. Voorhis. He had been threatened by Mr. Taylor's friends that if he did not vote for this measure, none of his Inspectors would be appointed. The vote on its concurrence was about to be put, when a motion to adjourn was declared carried.

Last evening Councilman Waugh introduced a resolution to increase the pay of policemen from \$700 to \$800 per annum. It was referred.

The Court of Inquiry recently convened in this city to inquire into certain charges made by Mr. Horace Halstead against Lieut. Geo. L. Willard, of having received certain funds and failing to account for the same, have decided that the charges were not substantiated by the evidence produced before them. Therefore the honor and integrity of the accused stands unimpaired. The War Department having ratified the decision of the Court, no further proceedings will be had in the case.

The cross-examination of John Ward, in the Parish will case, was continued yesterday before the Surrogate by Judge Edmonds. Mr. Ward's testimony was in relation to purchases of bonds and loans of money made through him by Mr. Parish. Nothing of importance was elicited.

John Nann, driver of hack No. 197, was yesterday arrested, charged with assaulting Alderman Healy of the Fourth Ward. It appears that the Alderman was at Peck Slip Ferry, and there observed several ladies and children prevented from crossing the street by an unnecessary crowd of vehicles. He requested Nann to hold up a moment; but he refused to do so, when the Alderman seized the reins at the horses' heads, for which he received several blows from the driver's whip. He then tried to arrest Nann, but was prevented by the interference of other drivers. Nann was subsequently arrested and taken to the Mayor's office, where he gave an excuse that he did not know Mr. Nann was an Alderman. He was sent to the Lower Police Court and held for examination.

The body of a newly born male infant was found early yesterday morning in Pearl street, and taken to the Second Ward Police Station, where Coroner Pakeny held an inquest upon it. After due examination, the jury rendered a verdict of death by suffocation at the hands of some person or persons unknown.

It is understood that Judge Peabody has no doubt about bringing his claim to the great on the bench occupied by Mr. Davies to a trial at once as he can. He encounters an obstacle in the Attorney-General's practical refusal to commence the suit, and he has no way to get around it, but he may perhaps be delayed for a time. No delay will be permitted, however, which can be avoided; and we are assured that every measure against the Attorney-General is in course of preparation, and will immediately be applied, unless he shall consent to act in accordance with what we now say to be the only way to get around it, and to relieve himself and the public of the double burden which they are suffering. (Rev. Post.)

The body of a laborer, name unknown, was found yesterday in the North River, near the foot of Church street, and was brought to the morgue. It was found in a small boat, and was dressed in blue overalls, and was found in the North River, near the foot of Church street, and was brought to the morgue. It was found in a small boat, and was dressed in blue overalls, and was found in the North River, near the foot of Church street, and was brought to the morgue.

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